

The Weather

Brownsville and the Valley: Fair and continued warm Friday night and Saturday.

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HIDALGO'S WILL GASSER SPRAYING OIL



By RALPH L. BUELL

GOOD NEWS CAME TO BOTH ends and the middle of the Valley Thursday!

The lower end was rejoiced by the news that the contract for the Brownsville channel dredging has been awarded.

Upper end felt fine over announcement of the coming in of the 5th producer of the Samfordyce field.

And in between everybody felt better—

For these ports at the lower end and that oil field at the upper end of the Valley.

Are due to bring a full share of results to every community.

Every soul in every community in the Valley.

EMBARGO ON SHIPMENTS OF fresh seedless grapefruit under size 64 still stands as ordered by the Texas Citrus Control committee.

This announcement is emphasized by Bill Friend of the experimental station between Westaco and Mercedes.

Seems like the releases issued by the state department of agriculture, certifying that the fruit from the orchard concerned has passed the maturity tests, read for 126's or larger.

That's the standard of the department, and means nothing as far as authority to ship is concerned.

Simply means that the fruit grading 126's or larger has passed the maturity test.

Does not mean that any fruit, for that matter, may be shipped.

The regulation of the control committee limiting shipments of Marsh to 64's or larger stands.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT CORPUS Christi there will be held a banquet.

And this banquet will stand out among all the banquets ever held or to be held in the city on Nueces Bay.

For it marks the opening of the mammoth plant of the Southern Alkali company in that city.

Ultimate expenditures of approximately \$10,000,000 will be made by the company in Corpus Christi.

Huge payroll is already being spent, will be increased.

And Corpus Christi is filled with people, rent houses are scarce.

And it won't be long now until we will be celebrating the same sort of thing.

DR. C. H. THORN IS A GRAND old man of Brownsville.

Dr. Thorn retired from active life a few years ago after more than forty years here as a practicing dentist.

Way back in 1892 Dr. Thorn became a daily reader of The Brownsville Herald.

He began it with the first issue of The Herald, which had just been started, with sixty subscribers, by the late Jesse O. Wheeler.

Three years ago Dr. Thorn was forced to give up reading his daily paper.

The reason being eye trouble. But

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By ROBERT LEE STATEN

October 26, 1834—There were four municipalities in the Department of Texas—San Antonio, population 2,400; Goliad, 700; Victoria, 300; San Antonio, 600 (all Irish). There were no negro laborers in this district. The Department had lost 2,400 in population in the preceding 18 years.

In addition to the well-intentioned home making emigrants to Texas were the customary unattached adventurers seeking excitement in a new country.

Many later shouldered sober responsibilities when the crisis came. Leaving a hotel in Arkansas where he had stopped overnight en route to Texas, one said to the proprietor, "Get my baggage."

"What is it?" asked the hotel man. "Three pistols, a bowie knife, and a pack of cards."

Was the reply.

Initial Port Money Is Sent from Washington

FIRST FUNDS ARE SENT TO SAN ANTONIO

Initial Payment Goes For Tips of Islands And Rights-of-Way For Channel

Official transfer of the first requisition funds for the Brownsville port project is in the mails headed for San Antonio from Washington, according to word received late Thursday night from Z. A. Rosenthal, navigation commissioner.

Approximately \$300,000 is involved in this first transfer of funds from the PWA to the navigation district, bulk of which will be used in paying for rights of way and in defraying the cost of the tips of Brazos and Padre Islands and of the dredging of the channel from Brazos Pass to Long Island, the point where the Port Isabel channel cuts off, all of which cost is borne by the Brownsville Navigation district.

Funds Exchanged for Bonds

The money is being sent to the San Antonio branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and will be transferred to the Brownsville district in exchange for bonds of the (Continued on Page Two)

GIANT ALKALI PLANT OPENS

Corpus Christi Port Draws Big Corporation To That City

CORPUS CHRISTI, Oct. 26. (P)—The U. S. S. Saranac became the first vessel to pass through the new industrial channel to the Southern Alkali Corporation docks at Avery Point Friday.

A group of industrial leaders from the east and men prominent in political life of the state and nation made an inspection of the waterway from the Gulf to the new turning basin as guests on the Saranac. They included James V. Allred, democratic candidate for governor; Dan Moody, former governor; Lon A. Smith, member of the State Railroad Commission; Tom Connally, United States Senator from Texas; Robert Lee Bobbit, Archie Parr and W. E. Pope.

BROWNSVILLE MEN ATTEND BANQUET

G. C. Richardson, chamber of commerce manager and Ralph L. (Continued on Page Ten)

Port Isabel May Be Visited By Cutter

(Special to The Herald)

PORT ISABEL, Oct. 26.—The U. S. Coast Guard Cutter Saranac probably will be detailed here either for Navy Day, on October 27, or Armistice Day, November 11, according to a communication to Captain C. R. Tyrrell here from Representative Milton H. West.

Representative West said that Captain L. C. Covell acting commander of the U. S. Coast guard, with whom he had taken up the matter, advised him that Captain W. J. Wheeler, commander of the coast guard's southern area, with headquarters at Mobile, Alabama, has been directed to have a service vessel present, provided such a procedure be practical.

As the base of the Saranac is Galveston, it is very probable this will be the vessel ordered here for either of these occasions.

The Saranac is a 250-foot boat, and has a crew of 90.

Ducks Scarce But Geese Plentiful

Only a handful of Valley sportsmen turned out Friday morning for the opening of the season on ducks and geese but those who did journey to the flats encountered fair shooting.

A miniature army of hunters is expected to greet the ducks and geese at sunrise Sunday, the first holiday of the hunting season.

Captain P. Villareal of the Brownsville fire department was the first hunter to return here Friday morning with game.

He brought down a pair of geese shortly after sunrise. "Dad" Wingham also returned early with geese.

G. W. Putegnat and Jack Rutledge also bagged a goose Friday morning.

Ducks are said to be relatively scarce, but geese are to be found in abundance.

CHARLES FLOYD RETURNS HOME IN WOODEN BOX

SALLISAW, Okla., Oct. 26. (P)—Charles A. (Pretty Boy) Floyd came home to stay Friday.

In the chill gloom before dawn, a crude wooden box with iron handles was unloaded on the station baggage platform.

Two brothers of the notorious desperado, E. W. and Bradley Floyd, and an undertaker, stepped forward to claim the body. Whether the public will be allowed to view the body of the outlaw slain in Ohio by federal officers has not been decided. The body was taken to a funeral home where it will remain until the funeral services at the Atkins community Sunday afternoon.

AGRARIANS TO LEAVE RANCH

Situation Quiet Following Serious Injury To Man Thursday

The agrarian situation in the Matamoros section, which flared into open conflict Thursday with the critical wounding of Octavio Guerra, member of a well known Matamoros family, by the agrarians, had quieted down Friday.

Guerra, a relative of Protacio Guerra, a well known employee of Lalo Garibay of Matamoros, was seriously wounded by agrarians wielding machetes in an encounter at the Garibay ranch on the Rio Grande near Matamoros. At noon Friday it was reported he has a chance to recover, although he is seriously cut about the face, arms and shoulders.

Much interest is being shown in the situation at Las Rucas ranch, where the agrarians have agreed to vacate Saturday morning.

General Hernandez, commander of the Matamoros garrison, recently received instructions from Mexico City to remove the agrarians from this ranch, which is owned by the J. H. Fernandez estate of Brownsville. At a meeting of the general (Continued on Page Ten)

Arroyo Dredging To Be Discussed

(Special to The Herald)

HARLINGEN, Oct. 26.—Colonel E. H. Marks, district U. S. army engineer, is expected here in the near future to discuss with officials of the Arroyo Colorado navigation district feasibility of dredging shallow-draught channels which would make a pleasure waterway of the Arroyo, and connect it with such fishing waters as Redfish Bay.

This suggestion has been advanced by a committee of local business men, and is being considered by the Navigation district in the event its application for extension of the Intracoastal Canal is not granted.

Decision on the canal extension is expected by January 1, and this would give the district time in which to enter into negotiations with the Atlas Construction company of Dallas, which has dredges on the ground now.

The suggestion that the district purchase a dredge and keep it for cutting and maintaining such channels has been made.

President of Penney Company Is Visitor

E. C. Sams of New York president of the J. C. Penney company, left Brownsville Thursday night after a several days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lightner of Brownsville and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Porter of Omilto.

Mrs. Lightner and Mrs. Porter are daughters of the J. C. Penney Company president.

Sinclair Endorsed by Farley, California Henchmen Claim

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26. (P)—An "Endorsed by James A. Farley" label was pinned to Upton Sinclair Friday by supporters of the democratic candidate for governor of California.

As the gubernatorial campaign reached a new pitch, filling the air with rumors of withdrawals and plots, Sinclair backers in Los Angeles displayed a photograph of a letter purportedly written by the postmaster general and chairman of the democratic national committee endorsing the candidacies of the former socialist author and Senator Hiram Johnson, seeking reelection.

"California democrats, republicans and progressives alike," the letter said, "are to be congratulated for their wise judgment in selecting Hon. Hiram

REVOCATION OF LICENSES TO BE ASKED

Action Taken Against Two Valley Shippers On Tax Payment And Cull Ban

Revocation of the licenses of two Valley shippers, one in Cameron and one in Hidalgo county, are in the process of being asked by the Texas Citrus Control committee, it was learned from unofficial but reliable sources Friday morning by The Brownsville Herald.

Formal complaints against the two shippers have been filed or are being filed by the committee with the Enforcement Division of the Agricultural Adjustment Division in Washington and action on these first complaints is expected very shortly.

Breaking Rules, Charged

Allegations are made in the complaints that the two shippers in question are refusing to abide by the rules and regulations of the control committee, and have refused to abide by these rules during the present season and during the past season from Jan. 1, 1934, until the citrus shipping season closed in the spring.

Under the law establishing the AAA, the only penalty provided is the revocation of license, and such a penalty when enforced automatically.

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KIDNAP CASE IS TIGHTENED

Immateral Whether Lindbergh Tot Killed In Room Or In Hall, Said

TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 26. (P)—The contention that the Lindbergh baby was killed before it was snatched from its crib at Hopewell on the night of March 1, 1932 has been disclosed as a charge the state will make at the trial of Richard Bruno Hauptmann.

This disclosure, coming from an authoritative source, followed a revelation that Dr. John F. Condon, the "Jassie" of the Lindbergh case, had identified Hauptmann as the man to whom he paid \$50,000 in ransom money in a Bronx cemetery a month after the kidnapping.

Hitherto it had been expected the state would simply charge at Hauptmann's trial at Flemington on January 2 that the baby had been dropped when the ladder broke under the weight of the kidnaper.

A high authority said the state's contention that the baby was killed in the house would not prevent the prosecution from charging also that (Continued on Page Ten)

Mob Storms Jail And Takes Negro

BREWTON, Ala., Oct. 26. (P)—An armed mob of about 100 men stormed the Escambia county jail here Friday between 2 and 3 a. m. and seized Claude Neal, 23-year-old negro, who allegedly confessed Thursday to the attack and murder of Miss Lolla Cannady, 23, at Greenwood, Fla., a week ago.

Sheriff G. S. Byrne said the men came to the jail in 30 automobiles bearing Florida license plates.

At 10 a. m. Friday nothing had been heard from the mob or its captive, Sheriff Byrne said.

Steamships Ready To Enter Harbor

"We are ready to bring steamships into your port and establish bi-monthly refrigerator service between here and New York the day the port is finished," declared F. E. Jones, vice, president of the New-Tex Steamship Corporation, with offices in Houston.

Mr. Jones was a visitor at the El Jardin hotel here Thursday.

He said his company was ready to bring in boats now, but that the required 22 feet of water was not available because of filling in the channel near the pass.

Mr. Jones said the New-Tex Steamship Corporation has five steamers which are equipped to carry, in addition to other freight, 30 carloads of perishables under refrigeration. The boats could handle citrus fruit or vegetables or both from the Valley to New York. They would make a trip in six and one-half days, he said, with boats leaving here every 15 days.

"Just as soon as your channel to Brownsville is dredged, and the port finished, we will start operating from here," the steamship man said.

Hauptmann Watched Like Hawk in Jersey



A guard as rigid as if he were already in the death-house is being maintained over Bruno Richard Hauptmann in Huntington County Jail, Flemington, N. J. He is shown on his arrival from New York to be locked up in the cell pictured here. All objects that would aid a suicide attempt have been removed. Responsibility for his safekeeping is in hands of Warden Harry McCrea (inset).

HOWARD RITES ARE ARRANGED

Funeral For Well-Known Business Man To Be Held Friday

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Morris Mortuary chapel for R. D. Howard, prominent Brownsville business man, who succumbed to a heart attack Thursday afternoon.

Rev. R. O. Mackintosh, rector of the Episcopal church, will be in charge of services. Burial will be made at Buena Vista.

Mr. Howard had been a resident of Brownsville since 1916, and for the past several years had been manager of the Gateway Bridge company.

He was a graduate of Brownsville high school, and continued his education at Rice Institute. He was a member of the Brownsville Rotary club and was secretary-treasurer of the Brownsville Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, a daughter, and his mother, all of whom reside in Brownsville.

Mr. Howard has been very active in his affairs in Brownsville for many years, and was one of the most popular young business men of the city.

Palbearers have been announced as follows: Ben Brockway, Henry Skilton, M. W. Clint, Sam Peril, J. D. Ireland, George A. Houston, Ben Woods and T. W. Brewster.

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Sportsman Dies

HOUSTON, Oct. 26. (P)—Funeral for Robert R. Dancy, 86, until recently president of the R. R. Dancy Cotton company, was planned Friday. He served in the Civil War and was a prominent Florida sportsman. His father, Col. Francis L. Dancy, was a classmate of Robert E. Lee at West Point.

DISMISSAL OF SUIT SOUGHT

Attorney Says Boggus And NRA Scrap Has No Place In Federal Court

Dismissal of the injunction suit of the Bogus Motor Co. of Harlingen against the NRA on a score of grounds is asked by U. S. District Attorney D. W. McGregor in his answer to the Bogus petition.

Copy of the answer has been received by H. B. Galbraith of Bogus counsel here, and Galbraith also released to The Herald copy of the brief on the Bogus Motor company, in which the case is set forth more in detail.

In his answer McGregor, representing L. H. Onderdonk and Z. E. Avery, both of the NRA force, claims:

"That the amount involved is not as much as \$3,000, hence the case does not belong in federal court, that the complainant has remedy for his case in the National Recovery Industrial act; that there is no evidence to show the NRA has threatened to enforce the act; that the United States is not made a (Continued on Page Ten)

SCHOOL GIRL IS KIDNAPED

Two Men Snatch Child, 9, Into Car and Drive Rapidly Away

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 26. (P)—Two men snatched nine-year-old Patricia Henry from the yard of St. Joseph's Parochial school Friday afternoon and drove off with her in an automobile bearing New York license plates. Police of three states were notified.

Teletype and telephone messages to Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts police asked them to halt a blue sedan.

The child, who lives with her grandmother, was on her way back to school after the noon recess.

The men drove up to the school yard at 1:20 p. m. The occurrence was witnessed by a woman who notified the police.

Police were told the automobile sped toward Farmington.

Eastern Star Elects

FORT WORTH, Oct. 26. (P)—Mrs. Mattie Mitchell of San Antonio, Friday held the office of Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

San Antonio was selected as the 1935 convention site by delegates W. W. Caves of Henderson was chosen Worthy Grand Patron and C. D. Miller of El Paso, Associate Grand Patron. Miss Cora Posey of Arlington was elected for the ninth time as Grand Secretary Mrs. Margery P. Wofford of Austin was elected Grand Treasurer for the fifth time.

Hordes 'Starving' at Capitol Persuaded to Return Home

AUSTIN, Oct. 26. (P)—"The starving hordes of Travis county," a little band of hungry men and women who threatened to starve themselves to death in the very halls of the state capitol, stayed at home Friday and awaited promised visits of relief officials.

Case workers of the local relief agency agreed to investigate their condition after the group had marched on the capitol with the avowed intention of "peacefully starving in the corridors of the state house."

They loitered about the galleries of the senate and house until nightfall and then wandered to the front steps of the building. They studied the statues of General Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin—heroes of this state.

Shortly before midnight J. H. Lucas, representative-elect of Henderson county, mounted the steps and addressed the little band, huddled at his feet. If they would go to their homes, Lucas told them, he would personally see that each case would be investigated. They dispersed.

Previously, the band had sent a petition to Governor Miriam A. Ferguson.

"In desperation we come to you," the petition said. "All we ask is to be allowed to peacefully starve to death in the very halls of the state house."

Their complaints were registered against the relief administration of Travis county and indirectly, against the Texas legislature, now in special session, and the state relief administration. They claimed they were among 1700 persons recently sliced off the relief rolls. Many were entirely destitute, they asserted.

WELL FIGHTER IS SENT FOR AT HOUSTON

Best Gas Showing In History Of Valley Threatens to Wreck Oil Test

(Special to The Herald)

MISSION, Oct. 26.—Hidalgo county's first wild well in the new Samfordyce field was still running uncontrolled Friday morning and spraying oil 12 hours after a blow-out which still threatens to wreck the well. The test is the King Wood Oil company's No. 1 Francisco B. Guerra in tract 254, portion 39. The well, 1700 feet from the discovery well, is the northernmost well in the field.

The drilling crew was pulling liner and screen 120 feet in length from the bottom at 2,800 feet preparatory to coring for a deeper oil sand when a tremendous gas pressure blew the liner and screen from the hole. The pressure shoved a three-ton rotary table out of position and ran wild.

The pressure built up so quickly that the crew could not fasten the blowout preventer which was installed several days ago when heavy pressure was first encountered.

W. A. (Bill) Moore of McAllen was on a board high on the derrick when the well blew out, but scrambled to safety when Frank Dayvault, drilling superintendent, yelled a warning.

The Brownsville Herald correspondent was one of the few allowed near the well Thursday night, and the correspondent saw the rotary table tipped over by tremendous force. Gas was blowing 200 feet into the air.

H. L. Patton of Houston, well known wild well fighter, was to arrive Friday.

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Cotton Compress Is Planned At Harbor

Assurance that work is to be started within a month on the Brownsville ship channel was followed here Thursday by announcement that a large cotton compress is expected to be located on the Brownsville ship channel shortly after its completion.

The announcement was made by the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, which has been working on this project, along with others such as oil refineries and other industrial concerns.

"We have practical assurance of a cotton compress as soon as Brownsville is prepared to offer water transportation as an outlet for cotton of this territory," Chamber of Commerce officials said.

"Definite details on the project will be announced later."

Harlingen Building Is Razed By Flames

(Special to The Herald)

HARLINGEN, Oct. 26.—The building housing the Nehi bottling works on the San Benito highway here was almost totally destroyed by fire early Friday morning. The blaze had gained considerable headway before it was discovered.

Two pumps and a chemical truck responded to the call, and one of the pumps became mired in soft earth at the new Arroyo bridge as it started to leave, and efforts still were being made late Friday morning to salvage it. The truck sank over the running board into the soft earth on one side.

Mrs. Vanderbilt Good Mother, Friends Say

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—(P)—The imposing group of friends, representing New York society and European nobility, which has rallied around Mrs. Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt, Friday continued their testimony that she is a good mother and therefore entitled to the custody of her daughter, 10-year-old Gloria.

Supreme Court Justice John F. Carew still kept the lid closed on the court struggle between Mrs. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, aunt of the child heiress.

Sinclair Still Is Trailing In Vote

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The Literary Digest's "straw" poll for governor of California gave Frank F. Merriam, the republican candidate, a lead over Upton Sinclair of about two and a half to one, according to returns tabulated to date.

Of 62,008 ballots cast, Merriam was given 42,141 and Sinclair, democratic candidate and "EPIC" proponent, 17,284. The percentage was 62.70 per cent of the vote for Merriam and 25.72 per cent for Sinclair.

The remainder of the votes were divided among three other candidates.